



UB Highlights

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News & Events for February 15-28, 2015

UB Alumni Mardi Gras *Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6-8 p.m.*

Join friends and alumni at Two Boots Restaurant, 281 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, for the 6th Annual Alumni Association Mardi Gras celebration, sponsored by **Ken Graham, Esq. '71**. Free admission, free pizza, free beads, live bands, cash bar. Costumes encouraged but not required. RSVP to Facebook.com/UBridgeportAlumni or alumni@bridgeport.edu, 203-576-4151.



Greece Coffee Hour

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 12-1 p.m.

Drop in at the Student Center Great Room at lunchtime to learn about Greece, enjoy tasty Greek snacks, and network. Sponsored by International Student Services and Residential Life & Student Conduct.



Career & Internship Expo

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 12-3 p.m.

UB's Center for Career Development is inviting employers to register online for the opportunity to identify, recruit, and hire talented UB students and graduates through the 2015 Career & Internship Expo, to be held in the Wheeler Recreation Center. For more information, call 203-576-4466 or email careercenter@bridgeport.edu. (Snow date is February 25.)



Who Made That Logo?

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m.

SASD lecturer **Jerry Kuyper**, "The Forrest Gump of Design" who was the brand creator for Sprint, AT&T, ExxonMobil, Hilton, the World Wildlife Fund, IBM Touchstone Pictures and dozens of others, will speak about his career and lessons learned at various design companies before founding Jerry Kuyper Partners in Westport. At SASD Prof Kuyper teaches "Logos & Identity" in the Graphic Design program. Free and open to the public, in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. For more info, contact Prof. **Emily Larned**, elarned@bridgeport.edu or 203-576-4316.

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events February 15-28, 2015



Men's Basketball

Feb. 24 (Tue.), 7 p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 26 (Thur.), 7 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym

Women's Basketball

Feb. 24 (Tue.), 5 p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 26 (Thur.), 5 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym

Education Info Sessions

Prospective students interested in learning about UB's School of Education are invited to register online for the following sessions, on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, providing information about the application process and program details for the following:

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6-7:30 p.m.:

Programs offered at the Bridgeport campus

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6-7:30 p.m.:

Programs at the Stamford Center:

Thursday, Feb. 26, 6-7:30 p.m.:

Programs at the Waterbury Center

For more information, email **Leanne Proctor**, lproctor@bridgeport.edu.



FAFSA Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m.

Guidance for undergraduates going through the financial aid application process will be offered at a workshop on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Participants should register online and bring their own and their parents' 2014 tax information. Contact **Jessica Crowley**, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu with any questions.



Necessary Voices Series

Thursday, Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m.

David Oberleitner, UB assistant professor of psychology, will discuss “Bullying and Social Exclusion: What We’ve Learned and What We Can Do,” a look at what research shows us about isolation’s effects on the individual and the community. Free and open to the public, in the Schelfhaudt Gallery of the Bernhard Center, with a Q&A session following the talk.



Chinese New Year Gala

Friday, Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m.

In the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center, the 2015 Chinese New Year celebration will visit the history and traditions of ancient China through elaborate performances. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale in the Wahlstrom Library and Marina Dining Hall. For more information, email UBCSSA2015@gmail.com.



Physician Assistant Info

Monday, Feb. 23, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Those interested in undertaking the Master of Science, Physician Assistant, are invited to attend an information session, on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, explaining the application process and program details. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, lproctor@bridgeport.edu, for more information.



Executive Speaker Series

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Juanita T. James, President and CEO of the Fairfield County Community Foundation, will speak in the Jacobson Lecture Hall (Mandeville 104) on “Changing Business Career Sectors, Successfully.” The talk will be preceded by refreshments (5:30-6 p.m.) and will be followed by Q&A and networking. The event is free and open to all, but RSVP to TrefzSchoolofBusiness@bridgeport.edu.



Carolyn McCann, assistant director of clinical medicine in the Physician Assistant Institute, offered extra credit to her students who shoveled snow for elderly and sick neighbors in January. Students enjoyed the activity and neighbors were grateful. Director McCann hopes the event will inspire others to similar service. See the whole story and photos on www.ubecome.org, on the UB website.

NURSING SCHOOL DEAN

The University of Bridgeport announced on February 4 that Dr. **Carol Papp** has been appointed founding dean of the new University of Bridgeport School of Nursing, effective January 20, 2015.

Dr. Papp has spent 30 years as a nurse educator, manager, and clinical leader. She most recently served for 4 years as the director of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing (BHSN), where she secured seamless articulation agreements for educational mobility of diploma graduates. Before leading BHSN, Dr. Papp served for more than 25 years at Bridgeport Hospital in other leadership roles, including 6 years as the director of nursing for the Maternal Child Health Division. As a Certified Nurse in Professional Development, she has led many programs and initiatives to improve staff nursing education and clinical practice.

Besides a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from St. Anselm’s College, Dr. Papp holds a Master of Science in Counseling from UB. She received a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Case Western Reserve University.

Welcome to UB, Dean Papp!

Good News

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has awarded \$2.2 million in funding to help power UB campus buildings, which will be available as community shelters in case of emergency. UB’s new 1.4 MW fuel cell power plant, located on campus, will provide electricity to UB’s microgrid, covering Marina Dining Hall, Wheeler Recreation Center, the Student Center, the campus security station, and two residence halls.

Created under Public Act 12-148, DEEP’s Microgrid Pilot Program, under which UB is receiving funding, encourages institutions to install microgrids through which critical buildings may remain open and powered in the event that major electrical grids go down.

Lauren Humphrey and **Allison Garris**, graduate admissions counselors and co-chairs of the Professional Development Committee for the New England chapter of the Association for Graduate Enrollment Management (NEGAP), organized a national web seminar, “Excellence in GEM: Utilizing Career Services and the Alumni Office to Improve Service to Graduate Students.” **Aimee Marcella**, director of UB’s Alumni Relations, and **Keith Hassell**, director of Career Development, presented the talk, which broadcast on February 6. Technical support was provided by UB IT’s **John-Erik Christensen**. See a recording of the seminar at www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQgkXKIAdy8.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

CPIA

UB's *Model United Nations team* received the Outstanding Position Paper Award and Honorable Mention Delegation Award at the 2014 National Model UN Europe Conference held November 23-29 in Rome, Italy. Two IPED students, **Simon Arias** and **Khrystian Pereira**, and their faculty advisor, Dr. **Chunjuan Nancy Wei**, represented Uruguay in the Model UN General Assembly. **Janneth Alvarez**, an MBA student and a former NMUN member, joined Prof. Wei in preparing the team.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Monday, February 16

Presidents Day: No Classes, Offices Closed

SASD NEWS

Graphic Design seniors released SASD's new magazine, *Document: Duality!* at a launch party in the Schelfhauadt Gallery of the Bernhard Center on February 4. To obtain a copy of the magazine, contact Prof. **Emily Larned**, elarned@bridgeport.edu



The Bernhard Center remained open for a continuous 48 hours starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 6, to accommodate 20 Shintaro Akatsu School of Design students working on the 48-Hour Repack Challenge, a high-visibility, high-adrenaline design competition involving student designers around the country. Over two non-stop days (and nights), they were to design, build, film, and pitch packaging for well-known products. Prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 were offered by some 50 corporate sponsors. The challenge is organized by the Industrial Design Students Association (IDSA). As the challenge began, **Jeff Wiiken**, an ID major who is president of the UB IDSA chapter, said, "We're pumped about it and we can't wait to get started."

In the past, students have created innovative packaging for eggs, mouthwash, light bulbs, and bacon, among other products. A panel of industry leaders will judge the competition, and winners will be announced in April.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

Amy Nawrocki, senior lecturer in English, has published a new poetry collection, *Reconnaissance*, which will be released by Homebound Publications on April 7. This is her fifth collection. Visit <http://homeboundpublications.com/reconnaissance-by-amy-nawrocki-a-first-look/> for a look at the book.

ENGINEERING

Lawrence Hmurcik, professor of electrical engineering, and **Kris Seluga**, a professional mechanical engineer, studied the case of a man whose hand was mangled by a key-ignition lawn mower. Unlike the pull-string-ignition variety, this mower is turned on by a key and controlled by an electronics module. Once the man had turned off the mower, he started to clean the blades, which suddenly turned on. Seluga found no mechanical defect in the mower. Hmurcik found only a single burned-out transistor in the control circuit, which had caused the accident. Hmurcik submitted a redesigned electronic circuit, wherein the failure of any single electronic component would stop the mower.

Welcome to UB!

Tarek Sobh, senior vice president for graduate studies and research and dean of the School of Engineering, has announced the addition of Dr. **Ruba Deeb** to the UB research community in the newly created administrative position of research associate professor. Prof. Deeb will initiate private and public academic partnerships to develop collaborative cross-disciplinary programs, providing scientific expertise, grant writing, budget preparation, and proposal development support to basic science and clinical faculty.

Dr. Deeb comes to us from Weill Cornell Medical College, where she served for almost 20 years, most recently as assistant research professor of genetic medicine. Her current interests lie in implementing state-of-the-art methodology enabling the simultaneous identification, profiling, and quantification of large groups of inflammatory mediators as well as those required for the resolution of inflammation in disease settings.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.